



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

## **Administrative Policies and Procedures: 15.5**

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**Subject:**        **Registering and Maintaining Status of Children with REACT (Resource Exchange for Adoptable Children in Tennessee)**

Supersedes: None

**Local Policy: No**

**Local Procedures: No**

**Training Required: No**

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### **Application**

To All Adoption Services Employees.

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### **Policy**

All children who are in state guardianship or have the permanency goal of adoption must be registered and maintained in current status on REACT (Resource Exchange for Adoptable Children in Tennessee).

### **Procedures**

#### **A. Registering children**

Form, *Child Entry Form*, must be completed by the DCS case manager according to form instructions and when the following circumstances exist:

- ◆ The child is in the partial or full guardianship of DCS regardless of the permanency goal or placement plan;
- ◆ Termination of parental rights (TPR) has been initiated;
- ◆ Termination of parental rights (TPR) is being considered and resources need to be identified to support adoptive planning.

**B. Reporting status changes**

Form, *Child Status Form*, must be completed according to form instructions when:

- ◆ There is change in the child's descriptive information;
- ◆ The goal for the child is changed;
- ◆ The referral for termination of parental rights is filed with the court;
- ◆ Full guardianship has been established;
- ◆ A placement resource has been identified and placement is pending;
- ◆ The adoptive placement agreement has been signed;
- ◆ The adoption is finalized;
- ◆ An adoption disrupts.

**Forms**

Child Entry Form (REACT)

Child Status Form (REACT)

**Collateral Documents**

*Continuum of Child Needs*

**Standards**

None